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ASH GROVE CEMENT WEST, INC.

Inter-Office Memorandum

Date May 2, 1989

To George Wells

From Ken Rone

Copies to Dick Cooke / Jim Post

Subject Progress Report

For 5-2-89 9:35 a.m.

EAST TERMINAL

The electrical remodel was finished on budget. The systems are showing momentary interruption which is being investigated today. The diesel air compressor has been eliminated and we are ready to make plans to install the new plants substation.

The demolition of the old plant is continuing. The asbestos work is complete and the contractor is in the process of demolishing the kilns. We will attempt to ship the chrome brick to Durkee next week.

A silica barge was loaded with 4,700 tons for Tilbury Cement Ltd. This loadout took 12 hours requiring a two man crew to work overtime five hours. We will begin to transfer in 6,000 tons to the plant from the quarry.

I will recommend a new transmission which is required for safe operation of the plant pickup truck.

A split rail caused a derailment onto the platform scale at the Steel Tanks. The wheels of the rail car broke thru the platform to their axels. The car is loaded and the railroad still has not figured how they are going to remove the car. Damage to the platform is not as serious as it looks, however 150 of track #4 will have to be relaid.

The 5,030 ton Aleutian bulk bag order was delivered to the customer on time.

We bulk loaded on Saturday at Stoneway's request.

WEST TERMINAL

The M.V. Ocean Lark was unloaded on 4/27. We will begin in earnest to seek a system which will protect the unloader buckets from hitting the floor of the cargo hold.

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Dust collector maintenance, hydraulic repairs and oil spill prevention were the immediate projects under taken after the departure of the ship.

SAFETY

In November, at the East Terminal, an employee injured his elbow opening a rail car door. There was no lost time at that time. Now, because of continued pain, he will have an operation to remove calcium deposits. This will result in a six week recuperation before returning.

Safety committee meetings were held at both terminals. The West Terminal crew is recommending that cement depth be no greater than 9.0 meters in the ships hold to reduce the risk of slough-in during front end loader operations.

SUPERIOR QUARRY

The contractor finished production of 100,000 tons of crushed material. Work will continue this week on dressing up the property as we would like to see it after our pull-out.

Weyerhaeuser indicated that they underbilled us by \$10,000 on pre-production royalty payments and would be sending an adjusted invoice.

SHIPMENTS

Excellent weather produced one of the strongest shipping weeks yet.

East Terminal - 7,601

West Terminal - 2,914

LSNW Shipments - 3,052

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